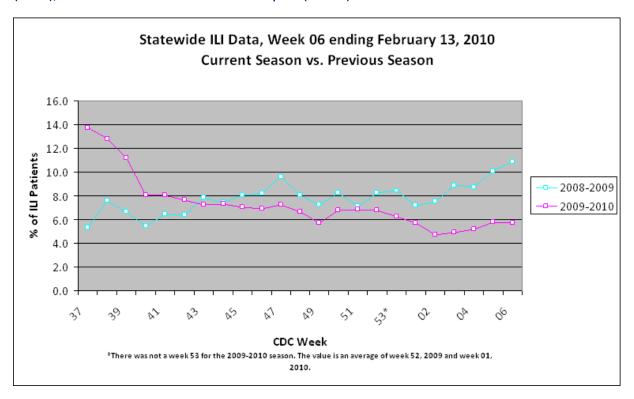
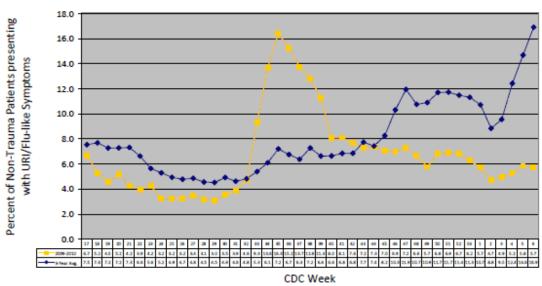
For week 06 (02/07/10-02/13/10), the overall state ILI rate (5.7%) was comparable to last week (5.8%), but was lower than this time last year (10.9%).



The 2009-10 state ILI rate was below baseline for week 06 and has been below baseline for the past three months.

Comparison of 3-Year Average and 2009-2010 ILI Rates Statewide



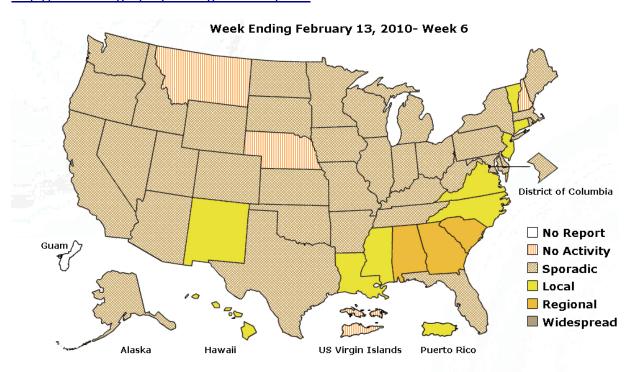
*There was not a week 53 for the 2009-2010 season. The value is an average of week 52, 2009 and week 01, 2010.

During week 06, two districts (2 and 4) had a decrease in ILI activity, four districts (1, 3, 7, and 9) had an increase, and three remained about the same (5, 6, and 8).

Since August 29th, there have been a total of 24 reported flu deaths, 12 that were confirmed H1N1. The most recent flu death occurred in Lawrence County in mid-February.

Below is a comparison of the state ILI rate to the number of positive influenza isolates since August 29th. The predominant flu type identified continues to be novel H1N1 (swine) flu.

Mississippi reported "local" (Outbreaks of influenza or increases in ILI cases and recent laboratory-confirmed influenza in a single region of the state) activity for week **06**. For more information on flu activity nationwide, please refer to the CDC's website at: http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivity.htm.



^{*}This map indicates geographic spread and does not measure the severity of influenza activity.